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Group Art Unit: 1772
Examiner: Nasser Ahmad

Title: FILLED LAB PATTERN-COATED FILMS

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS
- iv. ☐ Other

2. ☐ A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently

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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to:
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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed April 21, 2004, in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed in the above-identified application on July 20, 2004, and was received by the USPTO on July 20, 2004 setting the two-(2) month statutory period for filing of the Appeal Brief. This RCE is being filed in lieu of the Appeal Brief. Reconsideration of the application in view of the new claims and the remarks, and allowance (and notice to that effect) of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

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